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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR REDEEMING PRODUCT MARKETING

REBATES

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a request for filing a

[X] Continuation

patent application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b),

of pending prior application Serial No. <u>09/495,819</u>, filed on February 2, 2000 of Chris Quinlan and Edward A. Devlin for "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR REDEEMING PRODUCT MARKETING REBATES".

Enclosed is a copy of the prior application as originally filed. The undersigned hereby declares that the enclosed application is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed, that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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The enclosed true copy of the prior application as originally filed includes:

[X] Cover Sheet, Abstract and Fifty-five (55) pages of specification and Claims 1-40.

[X] Five (5) sheets of drawings showing Figs. 1-6.

The filing fee is calculated below:

NUMBER OF CLAIMS	NUM EX	BER TRA	LARGE/SMALL FEE ENTITY
TOTAL 02 - 20 =	00	х	\$18 OR \$9 = \$0
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MULTIPLE DEPENDENT [] YES			\$280 OR \$140 = \$0
(\$750.00 OR \$375.00) BASIC FILING FEE = \$375.00			TAL FILING FEES = \$430.00

- [X] A check in the amount of \$430.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- [X] A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
- [X] Applicant has filed in the prior application a Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status. Small entity status is still proper and desired.
- [X] The last Office Action in prior application S.N. 09/495,819 is dated May 15, 2003.
 - [X] A Request for Extension of Time to respond to the Final Office Action in the prior application and the fee in the amount of \$55.00 are included in the filing fee.

If a Petition for an Extension of Time in the application filed herewith or in the prior application is necessary for the paper transmitted herewith to be timely filed, this request is to be considered as a petition to the extend the response period by the amount of time needed for the papers to be timely filed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1679. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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